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The humble Address of the Right Honourable the Lords spiritual and temporal in Parliament assembled, presented to his Majesty on Wednesday January 14, 1745-6.

Most gracious Sovereign,

✻✻✻✻ We your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Lords spiritual and temporal in Parliament assembled, beg Leave to return your Majesty our humble Thanks for your most gracious Speech from the Throne.

The great Care which your Majesty has taken for suppressing the present wicked and unnatural Rebellion, and for extending this Kingdom against an Invasion, is a fresh Instance of your paternal Goodness and Concern for your People, the Continuance of whose religious and civil Rights is involved in the Preservation of your Majesty, and of the Protestant Succession in your Royal House.

We beg Leave to congratulate your Majesty on the Success of your Arms, in disappointing the Attempt of the Rebels upon this Part of Great-Britain. As your Troops, led on and animated by the Bravery and Example of his Royal Highness the Duke, could not fail to strike Terror into the Rebels; so your Majesty's gracious Acknowledgement of the inviolable and active Loyalty of your faithful Subjects, must be the most encouraging Motive to them stedfastly to persevere in the same Principles. We comply therefore with every Call of Interest, as well as of Duty, when we give your Majesty the warmest Assurances of our most zealous and vigorous Support, totally to extinguish this Rebellion, in every Part of the united Kingdom; and entirely to defeat the Designs of the Pretender, and all those who shall presume to assist or abet him.

It is with Gratitude we acknowledge your Majesty's great Wisdom and Regard for the public Welfare, in exerting your powerful Influence to promote the Election of the Emperor, and to bring about an Accommodation between the Empress, the King of Poland, and the King of Prussia. We look with much Satisfaction on the Completion of this great Work; in consequence of which, an immediate Succour may be sent into Italy; your Majesty's faithful Ally, the King of Sardinia, be timely supported; and a Strength procured for the Defence and Security of the Low Countries.

We are most sensibly affected with the imminent Dangers, to which the United Provinces are exposed. We consider their Preservation and Security, as of the highest Importance to the Safety of these Kingdoms; whose Interests have been closely connected with those of that Protestant Republic, ever since its first Foundation. We therefore beg Leave to assure your Majesty, that we will vigorously support you in taking proper

Measures for their Defence; and in making good such necessary Engagements as your Majesty shall enter into, for co-operating with them, towards opposing the further Progress of our Enemies in the Netherlands; and procuring a proper Security for the States General, against the ambitious and destructive Designs of France; and for attaining a safe and honourable Peace.

Your Majesty's Prudence and tender Concern for your People appear in nothing more, than in the Regard you express for the Circumstances of your own Dominions. We cannot doubt, but this Consideration will have its due Weight with your Allies; and that the States will make such an Augmentation of their Forces, and all such further Efforts, as their own immediate Danger and the present Exigency of Affairs require.

The Advantage which Great-Britain has received, and the Losses and Distresses which her Enemies have felt, from our Naval Strength, are visible to all the World. Your Majesty's Resolution therefore to be particularly attentive to this important Service, and to have a strong Fleet at Sea early in the Spring, gives us the greatest Satisfaction.

Your Majesty's gracious Declaration, that you have fully opened to us your Views and Intentions, is an additional Ground for that just Confidence which we repose in you: And we do, in the most solemn Manner, assure your Majesty, that the Menaces thrown out, and the Preparations made by our Enemies, have had no other Effect upon our Minds, but to increase our Indignation against their destructive Projects and Attempts; and to augment and heighten our Zeal and Ardour, in the Cause of your Majesty and our Country.

His Majesty's most gracious Answer.

My Lords,

I return you my Thanks for this dutiful and affectionate Address. The just Sense you express of the Situation of Affairs, and of the proper Conduct to be pursued in order to extinguish the Rebellion, support our Friends, and defeat the Designs of our Enemies, give me great Satisfaction. I rely on your vigorous Support, and you may depend on my firmly adhering to such Measures as shall be most for the Honour of my Crown, and the true Interest of my Kingdom, in our present Circumstances.

The Address of the House of Commons is of the same Purport with that of the Lords: They congratulate his Majesty on the Success of his Arms against the Rebels, and the Loyalty of his faithful Subjects in suppressing them; as also on the wise Measures he has pursued in rendering the intended Invasion abortive; making, at the same Time, a dutiful Profession of their Readiness to add any further Strength, that may be found necessary. They likewise congratulate his Majesty on the Election of the present Emperor, and the Peace between the Em-